

What is claimed is:

1. An image forming device comprising:

a first reading unit for reading attribute information of an electronically tagged printed matter wherein image data  
5 is printed on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper and said electronic tag stores image data printed on said electronically tagged printing paper, from said electronic tag;

10 a judging unit for judging whether copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information read by said first reading unit or not;

a second reading unit for reading image data from said electronic tag when said judging unit judges that no  
15 copy-prohibiting information exists; and

a printing unit for printing image data read by said second reading unit; wherein

said second reading unit does not read the image data from said electronic tag when said judging unit judges that  
20 copy-prohibiting information exists; and

said printing unit cancels printing process when said judging unit judges that copy-prohibiting information exists.

2. Image forming device of claim 1 further comprising:

a display unit for displaying an indication that said

electronically tagged printed matter is not allowed to be copied when said judging unit judges that copy-prohibiting information exists.

3. An image forming device of claim 1, wherein  
5 said printing unit prints image data on electronically tagged printing paper equipped with electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper, further comprising:

a writing unit for writing the image data printed by  
10 said printing unit on the electronic tag of the electronically tagged printing paper on which the image data is printed by said printing unit.

4. Image forming device of claim 1, wherein  
said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic  
15 data by means of wireless communications.

5. An image forming device comprising:  
a transporting unit for transporting an electronically tagged printed matter wherein image data is printed on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an  
20 electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper and said electronic tag stores image data printed on said electronically tagged printing paper, one sheet at a time to a specified reading position;

a first reading unit for reading attribute information

of the electronically tagged printed matter transported by  
said transporting unit from its electronic tag;

a judging unit for judging whether copy-prohibiting  
information exists in the attribute information read by said  
5 first reading unit or not;

a second reading unit for reading image data from the  
electronic tag of the electronically tagged printed matter  
which is judged that no copy-prohibiting information exists  
in the attribute information by said judging unit; and

10 a printing unit for printing image data read by said  
second reading unit; wherein

said second reading unit does not read image data from  
the electronic tag of the electronically tagged printed matter  
which is judged that copy-prohibiting information exists in  
15 the attribute information by said judging unit.

6. An image forming device of claim 5, wherein  
said printing unit issues a blank paper as an output  
for the electronically tagged printed matter which is judged  
that copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute  
20 information by said judging unit.

7. An image forming device of claim 5, wherein  
said printing unit issues no output for the  
electronically tagged printed matter which is judged that  
copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute

information by said judging unit.

8. An image forming device of claim 5, wherein  
said printing unit prints image data on an electronically  
tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for  
5 storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing  
paper, further comprising:

a writing unit for writing the image data printed by  
said printing unit on the electronic tag of the electronically  
tagged printing paper on which the image data is printed by  
10 said printing unit.

9. Image forming device of claim 5, wherein  
said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic  
data by means of wireless communications.

10. An image forming method comprising:  
15 a first reading step of reading attribute information  
of an electronically tagged printed matter wherein image data  
is printed on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped  
with an electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain  
part of the printing paper and said electronic tag stores  
20 image data printed on said electronically tagged printing  
paper, from said electronic tag;

a judging step of judging whether copy-prohibiting  
information exists in the attribute information read by said  
first reading step or not;

a second reading step of reading image data from said electronic tag when said judging step judges that no copy-prohibiting information exists; and

a printing step of printing image data read by said second  
5 reading step; wherein

said second reading step does not read the image data from said electronic tag when said judging step judges that copy-prohibiting information exists; and

said printing step cancels printing process when said  
10 judging step judges that copy-prohibiting information exists.

11. Image forming method of claim 10 further comprising:

a display step of displaying an indication that said electronically tagged printed matter is not allowed to be  
15 copied when said judging step judges that copy-prohibiting information exists.

12. An image forming method of claim 10, wherein

said printing step prints image data on electronically tagged printing paper equipped with electronic tag for storing  
20 electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper, further comprising:

a writing step of writing the image data printed by said printing step on the electronic tag of the electronically tagged printing paper on which the image data is printed by

said printing step.

13. Image forming method of claim 10, wherein  
said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic  
data by means of wireless communications.

5 14. An image forming method comprising:

a transporting step of transporting an electronically  
tagged printed matter wherein image data is printed on an  
electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an  
electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part  
10 of the printing paper and said electronic tag stores image  
data printed on said electronically tagged printing paper,  
one sheet at a time to a specified reading position;

a first reading step of reading attribute information  
of the electronically tagged printed matter transported by  
15 said transporting step from its electronic tag;

a judging step of judging whether copy-prohibiting  
information exists in the attribute information read by said  
first reading step or not;

a second reading step of reading image data from the  
20 electronic tag of the electronically tagged printed matter  
which is judged that no copy-prohibiting information exists  
in the attribute information by said judging step; and

a printing step of printing image data read by said second  
reading step; wherein

said second reading step does not read image data from the electronic tag of the electronically tagged printed matter which is judged that copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information by said judging step.

5        15. An image forming method of claim 14, wherein  
said printing step issues a blank paper as an output for the electronically tagged printed matter which is judged that copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information by said judging step.

10       16. An image forming method of claim 14, wherein  
said printing step issues no output for the electronically tagged printed matter which is judged that copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information by said judging step.

15       17. An image forming method of claim 14, wherein  
said printing step prints image data on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper, further comprising:

20       a writing step of writing the image data printed by said printing step on the electronic tag of the electronically tagged printing paper on which the image data is printed by said printing step.

18. Image forming method of claim 14, wherein

said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic data by means of wireless communications.

19. An image forming program for causing an image forming device to execute:

5       a first reading step of reading attribute information of an electronically tagged printed matter wherein image data is printed on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper and said electronic tag stores  
10 image data printed on said electronically tagged printing paper, from said electronic tag;

      a judging step of judging whether copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information read by said first reading step or not;

15       a second reading step of reading image data from said electronic tag when said judging step judges that no copy-prohibiting information exists; and

      a printing step of printing image data read by said second reading step; wherein

20       said second reading step does not read the image data from said electronic tag when said judging step judges that copy-prohibiting information exists; and

      said printing step cancels printing process when said judging step judges that copy-prohibiting information exists.



20. Image forming program of claim 19 for further causing an image forming device to execute:

a display step of displaying an indication that said electronically tagged printed matter is not allowed to be  
5 copied when said judging step judges that copy-prohibiting information exists.

21. An image forming program of claim 19, wherein said printing step prints image data on electronically tagged printing paper equipped with electronic tag for storing  
10 electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper, for further causing an image forming device to execute:

a writing step of writing the image data printed by said printing step on the electronic tag of the electronically tagged printing paper on which the image data is printed by  
15 said printing step.

22. Image forming program of claim 19, wherein said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic data by means of wireless communications.

23. An image forming program for causing an image  
20 forming device to execute:

a transporting step of transporting an electronically tagged printed matter wherein image data is printed on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part

of the printing paper and said electronic tag stores image data printed on said electronically tagged printing paper, one sheet at a time to a specified reading position;

5 a first reading step of reading attribute information of the electronically tagged printed matter transported by said transporting step from its electronic tag;

a judging step of judging whether copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information read by said first reading step or not;

10 a second reading step of reading image data from the electronic tag of the electronically tagged printed matter which is judged that no copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information by said judging step; and

a printing step of printing image data read by said second reading step; wherein

said second reading step does not read image data from the electronic tag of the electronically tagged printed matter which is judged that copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information by said judging step.

20 24. An image forming program of claim 23, wherein

said printing step issues a blank paper as an output for the electronically tagged printed matter which is judged that copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute information by said judging step.

25. An image forming program of claim 23, wherein  
said printing step issues no output for the  
electronically tagged printed matter which is judged that  
copy-prohibiting information exists in the attribute  
5 information by said judging step.

26. An image forming program of claim 23, wherein  
said printing step prints image data on an electronically  
tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for  
storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing  
10 paper, for further causing an image forming device to execute:

a writing step of writing the image data printed by said  
printing step on the electronic tag of the electronically  
tagged printing paper on which the image data is printed by  
said printing step.

15 27. Image forming program of claim 23, wherein  
said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic  
data by means of wireless communications.

28. A computer readable recording medium on which the  
image forming program as claimed in claim 19 is recorded.

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